



Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: January 30, 2024

811 Utilities Protection Center Annual Payment

- Department:** Engineering & Environmental Services
- Presenter:** Dr. Hameed Malik, Director
- Caption:** Approve the sole source payment of \$27,245.75 to the Georgia 811 Utilities Protection Center.
- Background:** The Augusta Engineering Department, along with other local government departments and utility providers, are currently subscribed to the 811 Utilities Protection Center to receive alerts of underground activities near our infrastructure. This subscription allows AED staff to receive and view all underground activity alerts near Augusta owned underground infrastructure such as fiber optics, traffic signals, and street lighting.
- Analysis:** The Augusta Engineering Department has been a member of the 811 Utilities Protection Center for many years. This agency used to bill monthly, but in 2022, they changed their billing structure to an annual payment. AED typically pays between \$2,000 and \$2,500 each month for access to this service. Starting in 2024, state law requires all public agencies with underground utilities to be a member of the 811 Utilities Protection Center.
- Financial Impact:** Adequate funds are available, and expenditures of this amount will leave enough funding for other payments throughout the remainder of this fiscal year.
- Alternatives:** Do not approve the sole source request.
- Recommendation:** Approve the sole source payment request in the amount of \$27,245.75 to the Georgia 811 Utilities Protection Center.
- Funds are available in the following accounts:** (\$27,245.75) Streetlights Operations 276041610-5312310
- REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:** HM/SR