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DATE: June 25, 2024

TO: The Honorable Garnett L. Johnson, Mayor
Members of the Commission
Alvin Mason, Chairman, Engineering Services Committee

THROUGH: Takiyah A Douse, Interim Administrator

FROM: Hameed Malik, Ph.D., PE, Director of Engineering

SUBJECT: Engineering & Environmental Services FY2024 Budgets Reduction
File Reference: 24-014(A)

CAPTION: Approve Amending Engineering & Environmental Services FY2024 budgets initial reductions by limiting the one percent (1%) reductions to be applied to Operational Budgets with Exception of Environmental Services Operation Budgets; Restore Environmental Service Budgets to pre-reduction amount. Presently one percent (1%) reductions are applied to total budget that includes employees' wages & benefits. AE

BACKGROUND: Augusta Commission approved FY2024 budget with directive to implement one percent (1%) budget reduction with restoration provision on as needed and case by case basis. Augusta Engineering & Environmental Services (AEES) understanding of directed one percent (1%) reduction was that it was applicable to operational budget only. Accordingly AEES submitted one percent (1%) reduction to its operational budget to Finance Department. However, our review of posted approved budget with reductions revealed that one percent (1%) reduction was applied to total budget amount, particularly AEES budgets supported by general funds. For example budget reductions to AEES Engineering Streets & Walkway budget equates to seventy-three (73%) of its operational budget

ANALYSIS: Applied budget reduction amounts are significant and will yield negative impacts on AEES operations.

Engineering FY2024 Budgets-Reduction & Impact

Budget	Total Amount	Operational Amount	Implemented one percent reduction amount	Percent Reduction relative to Total & Operational	Comments
Highways & Streets	\$1,430,660	\$215,090	\$14,310	1% & 6.7%	i)Operation is 15% of Total ii)reduction is on operation and equates 6.7% [Professional Development/Training=72% reduction)
Roads & Walkways	\$2,272,210	\$664,050	\$22,720	1% & 3.4%	i)Operation is 29% of Total ii)Reduction is on operation and equates 3.4%
Traffic Engineering	\$3,506,120	\$1,281,650	\$35,060	1% & 2.7%	i)Operation is 37% of Total ii)reduction is on operation and equates 2.7% iii)Reduction (\$22,240) is on contracted work
Stormwater Utility	\$15,159,620	\$6,643,630	\$135,890	0.9% & 2%	i)Operation is 44% of Total ii)reduction is on operation and equates 2% iii)Reduction (\$60,450) is on contracted work

Environmental Services FY2024 Budgets-Reduction & Impact

Budget	Total Amount	Operational Amount	Implemented one percent reduction amount	Percent Reduction relative to Total & Operational	Comments
Solid Waste (Landfill)	\$18,130,000	\$6,977,770	\$109,660	0.6% & 1.6%	i)Operation is 38% of Total ii)Reduction is on operation and equates 1.6% iii)Reduction (\$92,400) is on contracted work
Waste Collection (Contract Services)	\$25,887,100	\$2,903,000	\$121,430	0.5% & 4.2%	i) Operation is 11% of Total ii)Reduction is on operation and equates 4.2% iii)Reduction (\$69,530) is on contracted work & (\$40,130) on Equipment Repairs

**FINANCIAL
IMPACT:**

Restoration of AEES allocated funds that are set aside to reallocate upon Augusta Commission approval.

ALTERNATIVES:

Not proposed.

RECOMMENDATION:

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REQUESTED AGENDA DATE:

Committee Meeting: July 9, 2024
Commission Meeting: July 16, 2024

DEPARTMENT
DIRECTOR:

FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE FOLLOWING
ACCOUNTS:

N/A

ADMINISTRATOR:

FINANCE:

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AED Assistant Director Finance and Admin
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