



## Commission Meeting

Meeting Date: April 15, 2025

### AO Median Maintenance Contract Continuation

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<b>Department:</b>	County Administrator's Office / Engineering & Environmental Services
<b>Presenter:</b>	Ms. Tameka Allen, County Administrator / Dr. Hameed Malik, Engineering & Environmental Services Director
<b>Caption:</b>	Motion to approve allocating \$250,000.00 from General Fund contingency and \$100,000.00 from the Urban Services Fund for continuance of mowing services in highly visible medians.
<b>Background:</b>	In 2023, responsibility for vegetation maintenance in a number of medians was shifted from Parks & Recreation to Engineering & Environmental Services. These services were bid out and awarded to Pond Maintenance of Augusta under RFP #22-301 (location list attached). The first year of the contract was funded through an initial allocation of \$400,000 in the FY2023 budget. The Augusta Commission approved an additional allocation of \$350,000 from American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds in February 2024.
<b>Analysis:</b>	Current funding for these mowing services will expire in April 2025. To ensure these areas continue to be maintained, Administration recommends allocating \$350,000 to fund the program through the remainder of FY2025. This contract will be reviewed and discussed with all other vegetative maintenance services during the FY2026 budget process.
<b>Financial Impact:</b>	Allocation of \$250,000.00 from General Fund contingency and \$100,000.00 from the Urban Services Fund.
<b>Alternatives:</b>	Terminate the current contract and develop an alternate plan for maintaining these areas.
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Approve allocating \$250,000.00 from General Fund contingency and \$100,000.00 from the Urban Services Fund for continuance of mowing services in highly visible medians.
<b>Funds are available in the following accounts:</b>	General Fund contingency (fund 101); Urban Services Fund contingency (fund 271)
<b><u>REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:</u></b>	N/A