

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Darrell White, Interim Director-Procurement

FROM: Tameka D. Williams, <sup>JDW</sup> CPRP, CYSA, Director-Recreation & Parks

DATE: May 28, 2025

RE: 25-000 Unsolicited Proposal: Development of a Pickleball and Tennis Complex with an Associated Hotel in Richmond County

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After careful evaluation of the unsolicited proposal for development of a pickleball and tennis complex with an associated hotel in Richmond County, it is recommended that the proposal be denied. The recommendations are based on several factors outlined below.

**Funding Source:** The recommended funding source is to use SPLOST 8 from the Newman Tennis Center project. SPLOST 8 funding was already approved by the Augusta voters and the governing body. These funds cannot be reallocated.

**Management:** The proposal entails that private management would be overseeing its operation with other sites not on its location, to include Fleming & Diamond Lake Tennis Centers.

**Maintenance:** A long-term plan for the implementation of court maintenance and what future funding be available from Augusta-Richmond County.

In light of the above considerations, it is recommended that the unsolicited proposal development of a pickleball and tennis complex with an associated hotel in Richmond County be denied. Instead, the Committee recommends that Augusta should adhere to the SPLOST 8 voter approved allocation and the established plans for Newman Tennis Center.