



**Administrative Services Committee Meeting**

Meeting Date: 11/26/2024

HCD\_ LW/B 2025 Contract Approval Request

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<b>Department:</b>	HCD
<b>Presenter:</b>	Hawthorne Welcher, Jr. and/or HCD Staff
<b>Caption:</b>	Motion to approve HCD's Laney Walker/Bethlehem Revitalization Project contract procedural process relative to authorization of Agreements/Contracts/Task Orders, for calendar year 2025.
<b>Background:</b>	In 2008, the Augusta Commission passed legislation supporting community development in Laney Walker/Bethlehem. Since that time, the Augusta Housing & Community Development Department has developed a master plan and development guidelines for the area, set up financial incentive programs for developers and homebuyers, selected a team of development partners to focus on catalytic change, and created a marketing strategy to promote the overall effort. To date, HCD (via partnership) continues impactful community developmental activities in seven (7) developmental nodes with continued focus on a Community Economic Development strategy centered around housing, commercial, retail, job creation, and a wraparound supportive service network. To facilitate the execution of our agreements/contract process, we propose the utilization of our attached Agreement/Contract procedural process (see attached).
<b>Analysis:</b>	<p>The submitted procedural process provides fluency and keeps the Augusta, GA Commission engaged and aware of Housing and Community Development's (HCDs) progress and projects.</p> <p>Approval of the proposed procedural process will enable continued redevelopment within the Laney Walker/Bethlehem neighborhoods.</p>
<b>Financial Impact:</b>	Without Commission Approval of a LW/B Agreement / Contract procedural process for Calendar Year 2025, HCD will be unable to move forward with necessary development initiatives containing partnership or contractual elements.

**Alternatives:** Do not approve HCD's LW/B Agreement/Contract procedural process request for the first quarter of Calendar Year 2025.

**Recommendation:** Motion to approve HCD's Laney Walker/Bethlehem Revitalization Project contract procedural process relative to authorization of Agreements/Contracts/Task Orders, for calendar year 2025.

**Funds are available in the following accounts:** Not Applicable

**REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:** Procurement  
Finance  
Law  
Administrator  
Clerk of Commission