



Commission Meeting

December 5, 2023

HCD_ LW/B Contract Approval Request

Department:	HCD
Presenter:	Hawthorne Welcher, Jr. and/or HCD Staff
Caption:	Motion to approve HCD's Laney Walker/Bethlehem Revitalization Project contract procedural process relative to authorization of Agreements/Contracts/Task Orders, for calendar year 2024. (Approved by Administrative Services Committee November 28, 2023)
Background:	<p>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).</p>
Analysis:	<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>

Financial Impact:	Without Commission Approval of a LW/B Agreement / Contract procedural process for Calendar Year 2024, 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 Calendar Year 2024.
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 2024.
Funds are available in the following accounts:	Laney Walker/Bethlehem Revitalization Project Funds is the primary funding source.
<u>REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:</u>	Procurement Finance Law Administrator Clerk of Commission