

Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners
Action Item
October 7, 2008

Subject: **Athletic Field Lighting**

ACTION: **Approve the purchase of athletic field lighting systems without competitive bidding, as authorized by the sole source exemption of G.S. 143-129(e).**

Staff Contact: **Greg Jackson, Division Director, Park Operations & Athletic Services**

Presentation: **Yes _____ No X**

BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:

- G.S. 143-129 (f) provides that formal bidding requirements do not apply when:
 1. Performance or price competition are not available;
 2. A needed product is available from only one source or supply; or
 3. Standardization or compatibility is the overriding consideration.

Sole Sourcing is necessary because there is only one source for the system that meets County specifications.

Mecklenburg County Park & Recreation Department (MCPR) is responsible for more than 175 public parks and many include fields to accommodate football, soccer and multipurpose sports. With the high level of public demand for these athletic fields and the extended playing time made possible with synthetic turf, it is important to install state of the art lighting fixtures that are energy efficient, warranted for the longest term (25 years or 15,000 hrs), and can be operated and monitored from a central remote location. These features and benefits are vital to reduce the rising operating costs for utilities, labor and repairs.

PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND: Charlotte-Mecklenburg Procurement Services formally solicited bids on November 29, 2007 and again on April 16, 2008 to seek qualified suppliers that could meet or exceed required standards and specifications for lighting systems, including but not limited to, life cycle costs, environmental light controls, guaranteed light levels, a minimum 10 year warranty and remote monitoring system that will eliminate the need for staff to drive to each field and physically operate the lighting system which will greatly reduce fuel costs and staff time.

Only one responsive bid was received in response to both Invitations to Bid. Musco Sports Lighting, LLC was determined to be the lowest responsive, responsible bidder that met all requirements including but not limited to, price, quality, performance, qualifications and experience, delivery, workmanship and applicable environmentally preferable attributes associated with the product.

Musco Sports Lighting, LLC exceeds our environmental requirements by offering a proactive approach to addressing the County's environmental needs including:

- Reducing energy consumption by 50% over traditional lighting systems.
- Providing 40% fewer fixtures with a 60% increase in lamp life which reduces materials needing to be recycled over the life of the system.
- Providing a standard manufacturer’s warranty covering product, energy consumption, communication costs and light levels for a 25-year period or 15,000 hours, whichever occurs first.
- Developed partnership with A-Tec where mercury and glass are salvaged during spot maintenance and complete system relamping.
- Recycling plant scrap, wooden skids, paper and packaging materials.

POLICY IMPACT: Environmental Policy

FISCAL IMPACT: Funds for the purchase have been approved in the FY 09 budget.

	Current Fiscal Year Impact	% Funding	Next Fiscal Year Impact	% Funding	New Positions FT PT
Federal					
State					
Other*					
County	\$ 712,800	100	\$ 475,200	100	
Capital Project					
TOTAL	\$ 712,800	100	\$ 475,200	100	

MUST BE COMPLETED IF FUNDING IS INVOLVED

ATTACHMENT(S): None

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Approve the disposal of LUESA (Code Enforcement Department) records and plans in accordance with North Carolina records retention policies.

These records are comprised of:

- *Nine (9) boxes of permitting and inspections records. These records have been imaged, stored and migrated to an online system for secure retrieval over the Internet.*
- *371 commercial plans permitted July 2006*
- *365 commercial plans permitted August 2006*
- *401 commercial plans permitted September 2006*
- *Micro Film – Jan 1996-Dec 1997 = 33*
- *Micro Film – Jan 1998-Dec 1998 = 44*
- *Daily Deposits - 1/1/05-12/31/07 = 10,445*
- *Credits & Refunds 12/1/06-8/23/07 = 363*

**(16) LITTLE SUGAR CREEK GREENWAY – MIDTOWN SECTION –
CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT**

Authorize the County Manager to award a construction contract to TK Browne Construction, Inc. for a total amount of \$634,919, upon receipt of Construction Authorization from NCDOT Division of Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation.

Note: This contract is for the construction of the Little Sugar Creek Greenway - MidTown Section.

**(17) REVOLUTION PARK PUBLIC GOLF COURSE AND THE FIRST TEE OF
CHARLOTTE (TFTC)**

Adopt a resolution declaring the County's intent to enter into a lease agreement with TFTC to centralize and operate a junior golf program at the Revolution Park Golf Course.

Resolution recorded in full in Minute Book 44-A, Document #215.

(18) ATHLETIC FIELD LIGHTING

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**(19) LOW INCOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIEAP) AND CRISIS
INTERVENTION PROGRAM (CIP) ADMINISTRATION - DSS**

Amend the Fiscal Year 09 Adopted Budget by recognizing, receiving and appropriating \$24,138 for Low Income Energy Assistance Program and the Crisis Intervention Program (LIEAP/CIP).

**(20) TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF) DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE REVENUE - DSS**

Amend the Fiscal Year 09 Budget by recognizing, receiving and appropriating from the North Carolina Division of Social Services an additional \$11,384 in Federal revenue for the TANF Domestic Violence program.

(21) WORK FIRST DEMONSTRATION GRANT - DSS

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- Tax parcel # 145-173-10
- Tax Parcel 065-143-06 and Tax Parcel 065-143-05
- Tax Parcel#207-081-13
- Tax Parcels 099-261-05, 099-261-04, 099-253-15 and 099-253 on North Sharon Amity Road and Hickory Grove Road, consisting of approximately 44 acres
- Tax Parcels 163-061-01, 163-061-02, 163-061-03, 163-061-05 and 163-06S-01 adjacent to McClintock Middle School, 5.57 acres
- Land in Third Ward of owned by 300 South Church, LLC and RBC Corporation
- Tax Parcel 023-022-33

Motion was made by Commissioner Bentley, seconded by Commissioner James and unanimously carried with Commissioners Bentley, Bishop, Clarke, Helms, James, Mitchell, Ramirez, and Roberts voting yes, to go into Closed Session for the following purposes: A) To Prevent Disclosure of Information that is Confidential Pursuant to G.S. 105-259 (G.S. 143-318.11(A) (1), B) Land Acquisition, C) Consult with Attorney and D) Personnel Matter.

The Board went into Closed Session at 5:45 p.m. and came back into Open Session at 6:45 p.m.

(3) REMOVAL OF ITEMS FROM CONSENT

The Board did not identify any items they wanted removed from consent and voted upon separately.

The Board then proceeded to the Meeting Chamber for the remainder of the meeting.

-FORMAL SESSION-

Invocation was given by Commissioner H. Parks Helms, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and introductions; after which, the matters below were addressed.

Chairman Roberts acknowledged the unexpected passing of Commissioner Valerie C. Woodard on Friday, October 3, 2008. She expressed condolences to the Woodard family, who were present.

A video was shown depicting clips of Commissioner Woodard at Board meetings throughout her tenure on the Board.

MANAGER'S REPORT

(6) INDUCTION INTO THE ORDER OF THE HORNET – COMMISSIONER VALERIE C. WOODARD

Motion was made by Commissioner Clarke, seconded by Commissioner Ramirez and unanimously carried with Commissioners Bentley, Bishop, Clarke, Helms, James, Mitchell, Ramirez, and Roberts voting yes, to induct the late Commissioner Valerie C. Woodard into the Order of the Hornet.

Note: The Order of the Hornet was established in 1972. It is bestowed by the Board of County Commissioners on persons who have displayed valor or high order of service uniquely and