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From: Bennett, Lisa C.
Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 5:28 PM
To: 'Mark Sexton'
Cc: Vidal-Finn, Sarah C.; Seawright, Stephanie R.
Subject: RE: Requested Information



Mark,

The costs for design and construction of each of the projects on Ori's list do not exist in one separate document. You will be able to extract the information from each of the contracts for each project. The costs for the design and construction of each of the listed projects can be found in the contracts for each project. There are 27 projects listed, with at least 2 contracts for each project. The CRA staff estimates that the time to locate and download each of those contracts onto a disk or in print format will take approximately 24 hours of staff time. Because the work will be in excess of 15 minutes, the City's policy is to charge staff's time to complete the public records request. Stephanie Seawright will be preparing the documents. Her hourly rate is \$26.44 x \$24.00/hour for an estimated total of \$634.56.

As we discussed previously, the CRA will not create the report but will provide you with access to the documents you have requested. Please let me know whether you prefer the contracts on a disk or in paper form.

Lisa C Bennett
Senior Assistant City Attorney

From: Mark Sexton [mailto:msexton@alachuacounty.us]
Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 1:51 PM
To: Bennett, Lisa C.
Cc: Anthony Lyons
Subject: Re: Requested Information

Thanks. Let me know if there is a charge to attach prices to the list of projects that ORI sent me.

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From: "Bennett, Lisa C." <BennettLC@cityofgainesville.org>
Date: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 at 7:48 AM
To: ACBOCC <msexton@alachuacounty.us>
Subject: RE: Requested Information

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From: Baber, Ori R
Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 4:28 PM
To: Bennett, Lisa C.; Seawright, Stephanie R.
Subject: RE: Requested Information
Attachments: CRA_Project_Numbers.xlsx

 Hi Lisa,

Following up on our phone conversation and the email below. Attached is a spreadsheet with the project numbers and account information.

Thanks,
Ori

From: Bennett, Lisa C.
Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 1:16 PM
To: Seawright, Stephanie R.; Baber, Ori R
Subject: FW: Requested Information
Importance: High

Stephanie,
Could you and Ori identify the materials and costs for Mark to accumulate the data that he wants to complete the chart? As I recall, Ori said there is a project list with project numbers. Are the project numbers what he is able to use when looking at the link Samantha created below? If not, what documents should he be looking for?
Lisa

From: Wolfe, Samantha B.
Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 9:17 AM
To: Bennett, Lisa C.; Seawright, Stephanie R.; Vidal-Finn, Sarah C.; Baber, Ori R
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Hi Lisa,

I created this view of CRA expenditures which might be helpful for Mark -
<https://data.cityofgainesville.org/Governance/CRA-Expenditures/st2v-jmsv/data>.

A couple things to note, he is requesting data back to 2006; the open data portal only dates back to 2010.

Also, while the expenditure data available on the portal displays transaction details by district, it does not specify project specific titles within each district. I would defer to the CRA for which of the expenditures should be applied to which project.

Regards,

Samantha

Samantha B. Wolfe

WolfeSB@CityOfGainesville.org

Finally, the excel spreadsheet information does not reach back to the commencement of each CRA district. Ori estimated several weeks to reach back and obtain the information for every CRA project involving transportation.

After you have reviewed the above, give me a call if you have more questions.

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Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 8:20 AM
To: Bennett, Lisa C.
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Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2017 10:10 AM
To: Lyons, Anthony R.; Harris, Helen J.
Cc: Vidal-Finn, Sarah C.; Beard, Michael T; Bennett, Lisa C.; Harris, Helen J.
Subject: FW: Public Record Request for May 2017
Attachments: SEXTON Public Records Request - May 2017.docx.pdf

Anthony /Helen –

This is an FYI that you may get a call from Mark Sexton at the County. This is the request that he will be referencing.

Lisa –

He may call you also.

He does want to go forward with the request. It is going to be huge and time consuming. It is going to take awhile to just locate the documents for his review.

Thanks,

Stephanie

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Gainesville Community Redevelopment Agency

May 24, 2017

Mark Sexton
Communications and Legislative Affairs Director
Alachua County
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RE: Request for information regarding road projects

Dear Mr. Sexton:

On May 11, 2017 you asked that the CRA develop information for you regarding road improvement projects funded or partially funded by Community Redevelopment Agency dollars. You asked that the CRA prepare a record describing each separate project by each CRA district. You also requested CRA staff to identify whether each project was for road resurfacing, stormwater improvements, sidewalks, median improvements or additions, roundabouts, or street lighting.

As you are aware, the Florida Public Records Act does not require an agency to create a record in response to a public records request. The agency's obligation is to provide access to records that contain that information. The information you request is not contained in any one document but can be researched and obtained through reviewing and analyzing multiple documents dating back to the establishment of each CRA district.

While the CRA staff is not able to prepare the report that you requested on behalf of the county, we can provide you with access to or copies of all of the documents for your review. On May 18, 2017, I provided a list of documents with which you may wish to begin your research.

Many of the documents are available on-line, or I can make copies of the documents for you. Keep in mind that for those records not available on-line, providing you with access to and/or copies of all CRA contracts, purchase orders, audited financial statements, annual budgets, annual reports and any other related document dating back to 1979 will take extensive staff time. Accordingly, pursuant to Section 119.07(4)(d), Florida Statutes, your request is subject to a special service charge for this extensive use of City resources. This special service charge will be calculated based on the amount of time it takes to produce the requested records multiplied by the hourly rate of the appropriate employee(s) with the ability and authority to produce such records. Please note that this charge is in addition to the fees you will be charged for any copies of the records.

Please provide guidance on how you would like to proceed at this time. If you have any questions about how to remit payment, please contact Stephanie Seawright, Project Manager, at 352-393-8200.