

Frigo, Victoria (COE)

From: Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Sent: Friday, June 01, 2012 5:51 PM
To: Frigo, Victoria (COE)
Subject: FW: INQ - Mayor Carlos Gimenez

Please include this as an INQ. Thanks.

From: Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Sent: Friday, June 01, 2012 5:50 PM
To: Kim, Inson (Office of the Mayor)
Subject: INQ - Mayor Carlos Gimenez

Ms. Kim,

As I understand it, there are three projects, as indicated in your email, on which the Mayor has previously recused himself due to the involvement of MCM, which will receive funding through the \$600 bond issue scheduled to be voted upon next week by the County Commission. On one of those projects, Central Control Upgrade, MCM was an unsuccessful bidder and is no longer involved. On the other two, MCM is the recommended bidder subject to the approval of the BCC. On these latter two contracts, the Mayor has had no involvement in the recommendation, and the amounts involved are set by the contracts. The bond issue in question is the source of funding for these projects.

Because MCM is not even involved in the Central Control Upgrade contract, I see no issue in connection with this item.

Regarding the Lehman Center Test Track and the Lehman Yard Rehabilitation and Expansion Upgrade, both combined in one solicitation, the Mayor's recusal in those matters was appropriate due to the employment of his son by MCM. At this point I do not see a problem with the bond recommendation going forward, given that the Mayor was not involved in the award of the contract and the fact that these projects represent only a small percentage of the overall \$600 bond issue. This is consistent with prior opinions by the County Attorney and myself, in which we have indicated that in circumstances where a county commissioner may have recused himself/herself from a particular vote to fund an agency with which he/she was affiliated, that the Commissioner could still vote on the full budget, even though it contained the funding for the item on which the recusal occurred.

Please let me know if you have any further questions regarding this matter.

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From: Kim, Inson (Office of the Mayor)
Sent: Friday, June 01, 2012 5:11 PM
To: Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Subject: RE: Bond Issuance - Transit Projects

Joe,
Of the four projects the Mayor delegated authority, two (Central Control Upgrade, Palmetto Traction Substation) have been approved by the BCC. Two projects (Lehman Center Test Track, Lehman Yard Rehabilitation & Expansion Upgrade) have gone to BCC committee, but have not yet been presented to the BCC for final action. It should be noted that MCM was an unsuccessful bidder on the Central Control Upgrade and Palmetto Traction Substation. They are the recommended firm on the Lehman Center Test Track and Lehman Yard Rehabilitation and Expansion Upgrade (this is combined in one solicitation).

I have attached the two bond items for your reference. Please let me know if you need any further information.

Thank you,

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From: Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Sent: Friday, June 01, 2012 3:59 PM
To: Kim, Inson (Office of the Mayor)
Subject: RE: Bond Issuance - Transit Projects

Inson,
Thanks. As a matter of clarification, can you say whether all of the separate projects included in the bond issue already been voted upon separately and approved, except for the funding?
Joe Centorino

From: Kim, Inson (Office of the Mayor)
Sent: Friday, June 01, 2012 3:44 PM
To: Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Subject: Bond Issuance - Transit Projects

Hi Joe,
As I explained in our conversation earlier, we were preparing and reviewing the agenda for the June 5th BCC meeting and noticed in item 5A and 8D1, which are an ordinance authorizing the issuance of \$600 million in Transit Surtax Bonds and the accompanying resolution, that there were projects included in the list of projects that the Mayor had delegated authority to deputy mayors.

We went through the list and the following were delegated:

Central Control Upgrade	\$ 8,306,648
Lehman Center Test Track	\$ 12,736,646
Lehman Yard Rehab & Expansion	\$ 5,167,000
Palmetto Traction Power Substation	\$ ----- (this is grant funded, but the project is in the list of projects)

Total:	\$ 26,210,294

Again, the total amount of the issuance is up to \$600 million and the total number of projects listed is 43.

If you have any questions, please give me a call.

Thank you,

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