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## MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE IRRIGATION IMPROVEMENTS

*Charleston, SC*—Improvements to the irrigation system at the City of Charleston Municipal Golf Course could soon be underway. A proposed construction contract with Landirr, Inc. from Sanford, Florida is on the September 10<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting agenda. Should council approve the contract, work on the irrigation system will begin November 4, 2013 and is scheduled to be completed in the spring of 2014.

The existing irrigation system is antiquated, having served the golf course for 27 years. Many of the components are no longer manufactured, and leaks have become a maintenance challenge. The new system will require substantially less maintenance, reduce repair costs, increase water conservation, provide better control of areas to be irrigated, and improve golfers' safety. The new system will tie into a pump station that was replaced three years ago.

The construction requires closing nine holes of the course at a time so the system can be installed, tested and repairs to the turf can be made. Golfers will be able to play 18 holes during the construction by playing the same nine holes twice. When the work begins, the front nine holes, driving range and putting green will be closed to the public for about 10 weeks. When the work is complete on the front of the course, the front nine holes, driving range and putting green will open to the public and the back nine holes will close until construction is complete.

The base bid for the project is \$598,730 which includes two optional features: one is an Integrated Weather Station designed to maximize the efficient use of the water system for \$9,500.00 and the second is a complete replacement of the Lightning Audible System which automatically senses lightning in the area and sends out an alarm to alert golfers of the potential hazard for \$27,025.00.

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