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tanks). Without a properly functioning decanter, Staff is forced to take the SBR out of service which will decrease treatment capacity. Staff had initially planned to purchase a spare to keep on hand if one failed. A spare decanter is a FY 22 approved capital item. Currently, the decanter in SBR4 is not closing correctly and solids spill into the decanter housing during the mixing and aeration cycles. These solids overload the filters during the decant cycle causing filter blockages and backups. Staff took the SBR out of service and removed the decanter for repair. After further inspection and consultation with the manufacturer, they determined the best course of action was to replace it. Staff was able to make a temporary repair on the decanter and put the SBR back online. Staff initially considered replacing the decanter with the same model; however, the current model is no longer being manufactured. The most feasible option is to replace it with the updated model. Once the new decanter is installed, the old one will be refurbished and stored as a spare for emergencies. The decanter units are manufactured by Aqua-Aerobic Systems, Inc. who is the exclusive manufacturer and sole provider of this equipment. The cost to purchase the new unit is \$76,767 which includes delivery. David Frost, Utilities Director, recommended that Council approve the purchase of a new decanter in the amount of \$76,767 from Agua-Aerobic Systems, Inc. for the Withlacoochee Wastewater Treatment Plant.

A MOTION by Councilman Gibbs, seconded by Councilman Norton, was unanimously adopted (6-0) to approve the purchase of a new decanter in the amount of \$76,767 from Aqua-Aerobic Systems, Inc. for the Withlacoochee Wastewater Treatment Plant.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Andy Gibbs, Councilman - District 6
SECONDER: Ben H. Norton, Councilman - At Large

AYES: Miller-Cody, Tooley, Howard, Carroll, Gibbs, Norton

BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AUTHORITIES, AND ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Consideration of appointments to the Public Art Advisory Committee.

Mayor Matheson stated that the Public Art Advisory Committee has three members, Dr. Steve Lahr (LVAC Board Member), Steven Walker (LVAC Professional Artist), and Wendelin Hodges (Community at Large) whose terms will expire on June 1, 2022. Steven Walker has expressed an interest in being reappointed and Dr. Steve Lahr and Wendelin Hodges have not expressed an interest in being reappointed. These appointments were advertised according to the Boards, Commissions, Authorities, and Advisory Committees Policy that was adopted by Mayor and Council. The applicants are Steven Walker, Full Time Artist (Steven Walker Studios), for the LVAC Professional Artist slot and Michele Corbitt, Self Employed Artist and Photographer for the Community at Large slot.

Mayor Matheson stated that since there were two applicants for three positions and if Council had no objections, then Steven Walker (LVAC Professional Artist slot) and Michele Corbitt (Community at Large slot) would be appointed by acclamation to serve a term of three